

# **Making it the Law – Alternative Fuels Proposals, Models and Champions**

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# Summary of Legislative Process

- Source and Type of Legislation
- Introduction and Referral to Committee
- Consideration by the Committee
- Consideration by the House and the Senate
- Passage of the Legislation
- Consideration by the Conference Committee
- Signing Ceremony

# Energy Bill:

## Committees with Jurisdiction

### U.S. Senate

- Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Finance Committee
- Environment and Public Works Committee
- Committee on Indian Affairs

### U.S. House of Representatives

- Energy and Commerce Committee
- Ways and Means Committee
- Science Committee
- Committee on Government Reform
- Resources Committee

# Legislative Issues

- Energy Bills
- Tax Incentives
- Green School Bus Program
- EPAct
  - Linda Bluestein
- Airport Bill Reauthorization
- Highway Bill Reauthorization
  - Mike Savonis
- FY '04 Appropriations

# House Energy Bill

- Energy and Commerce Committee
  - Major provisions are similar to last year's bill
  - Green School Bus Program
  - Several proposed changes to EPA Act
  - Emission trading
- Science Committee
  - Green School Bus Program

# House Energy Bill

- Resources Committee
  - ANWR
- Government Reform Committee
  - Federal Fleet fuel use requirement provision
  - GSA amortization requirement
- Ways and Means Committee
  - No CLEAR ACT provisions
  - Lean burn diesel credit

# House Energy Bill

- All provisions were merged into HR 6
- Passed Energy Bill (HR. 6) on April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Awaiting Senate Action
- Prepare for Conference

# Senate Energy Bill

- Senate is debating (S. 14), the Energy bill now.
- Energy Committee (Title VII):
  - Green School Bus Program
  - EPA Act
- Finance Committee:
  - CLEAR ACT
- Environment and Public Works
  - Renewable Fuels Title



# Senate Energy Bill

- Pass Energy bill by May 26th
- <http://energy.senate.gov/legislation/energybill2003/energybill2003.html>

# ENERGY BILL: Prospects

- House and Senate Leadership interested in passing an energy bill this year
- Concerns and Obstacles:
  - Renewable Fuels Standard
  - CAFE standards
  - Cost of the bill
  - Senate Calendar

# CLEAR ACT: Status

- CLEAR ACT (S. 505 & HR 1054) reintroduced on 03/03/03
- Chief Sponsor in Senate: Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)
- Chief Sponsor in the House: Dave Camp (R-MI)

# CLEAR ACT: Status

- Finance Committee (S. 597)
  - CLEAR ACT included in Committee's energy tax proposals
  - \$2.9 Billion in tax credits
- Ways and Means Committee (HR 6)
  - CLEAR ACT not included in Committee's energy tax proposals
  - Replaced with lean-burn diesel provisions
- Sign Petition at NGVC booth

# Green School Bus Program

- \$300 million authorization bill to provide grants to school districts to acquire alternative fuel and low sulfur diesel school buses and infrastructure
- Twice included in the House Energy Bill (HR. 6)
- Significant disagreements in the U.S. Senate
- EPA and the Clean Schoolbus USA program
- Petition at NGVC booth

# Airport Program Reauthorization

## Flight 100

- The airport program reauthorization is due in 2003.
- ILEAV program
  - Agreement reached between the FAA and the EPA regarding airport emissions and the ILEAV Program
  - Will allow airports to “bank” credits for early actions taken

# Highway Program Reauthorization

- Highway program reauthorization is due in 2003
- A significant increase in dollars are being sought
  - FY'04 Budget Resolution

# FY '04 Appropriations

- FY '04 Interior Appropriations Bill
- Status
- Clean Cities
  - DOE requested \$6.5 million



# WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW

- Support CLEAR ACT amendments in Congress
  - Sign the Petition at the NGVC booth and let your voice be heard.
- Support including Green Schoolbus Program in the Senate Energy bill in Congress
  - Sign the Petition at the NGVC booth and let your voice be heard.
- Call your Senator @ (202) 224-3121 and ask him to support these requests

# OR YOU MAY

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